



# Albert Pike Lodge No. 117



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## From the East *W.:B.: Anthony Florez, Worshipful Master*

“The rolling stone gathers no moss” is a favorite saying of many people who are always on the move and who feel that if you stand still you become stagnant. The question I have for all of you is, does this statement ring true in Masonry? Throughout the steady decline of membership over the years and the increasing difficulty to keep members coming to meetings we need to look at the mirror and wonder if we are covered in moss. We are all so afraid of those words “Masonic Innovation” that perhaps we have stopped moving and have begun to gather a lot of Moss. I feel that we need to ask ourselves first, what is Masonic Innovation? and second, what do we need to change to stay current and relevant in our ever-changing world?

Masonic Innovation is brought up during the Installation of the Worshipful Master. It is made clear that the sitting Master should make no Innovations to the Craft and should follow all of the bylaws and constitutions of the Lodge and the MW Grand Lodge. Well what exactly does that mean? Just like many things in life this can be interpreted in many different ways but what I have read and heard about is that you cannot make any changes or deviations to the Ritual, Bylaws or Constitutions. This is where I feel that we at Albert Pike do a great job of changing what we do to stay current but is it enough? The different things that we do that make our experience unique is what kept me coming from the day I was brought into the Craft to the day that I was installed as Master and continuing today; the procession, the chain of union, the various lessons we teach before and after our EA Degrees and so on. These subtle yet powerful symbols of the craft make Albert Pike 117 a beautiful place to practice Masonry and get a truly wonderful experience. That being said we have the same issues as most other lodges as well that we are not keeping EAs like we should and see Master Masons get raised and not come back to Lodge again for an extended amount of time.

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**“If you have knowledge,  
let others light their  
candles in it.”**

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That leads me to my next question: What do we need to do to stay relevant? With all of the experiences that we offer to the Craft and our Members it is obviously still not enough. We must stay up to date in the online world and make sure that we have a strong social media presence and are able to be found in different avenues for our potential members. We need to continue to offer outstanding posting sessions and keep our newly made Masons and Master Masons thirsty for that Masonic Light. While we talk a lot about how you make your Masonic Journey what it is we still need to mentor our younger members so they know where they can get the knowledge they need and desire. Lastly, we must continue to lay that cement of Brotherly Love. We all need to reach out to our EA's, FC's and MM's and make sure that they are all doing ok and offer the fellowship that we are all looking for. We all joined the craft for different reasons at different points in our lives but the fact remains that we all stay because the Brothers that we are surrounded by, that is how we keep our Brethren coming to meetings and being engaged.

In closing my Brothers, we at Albert Pike 117 are not stagnant and we are not gathering any moss. We are a fresh vibrant lodge that is always looking for ways to change and grow and this will undoubtedly be the same in 2018 and beyond. We have many exciting changes on the horizon and they are all for the long-term benefit of Albert Pike 117 and Freemasonry as a whole.

Stay strong my Brothers and never be afraid to change for the better.

Fiat Lux,

*W.: Bro.: Anthony Florez*

Worshipful Master

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**From the West** *Bro.: Harry Sanders, Sr.: Warden*

Greetings from the West!

"Making Good Men Better"!

Where does this saying come from? One of the basic ideas of Freemasonry was that all men, whether upper or lower class, met upon the level in lodge. Given the very rigid class distinctions in the 18th-century society, this concept was truly unique and came from the very history of the fraternity. Noblemen asked to join lodges of skilled laborers who worked with their hands for a living, not the other way around. It was the exact opposite of the way elitism usually worked.

Upper and lower classes, country and city folks were now meeting together and sitting side-by-side. The concepts of politeness, manners, social graces, better speech, and the value of intellect started to rub off on men who'd never given it much thought before. This was the origin of the notion that Freemasonry's purpose was to take "good men and make them better". The concept of gentility began to grow and spread. It was one thing to be tolerant of a man's views and behavior if you knew him well, but it was an enormous change to extend that tolerance to men you'd never met before. As James Anderson stated in the Book of Constitutions, "Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remained at a perpetual Distance".

So to me, making "good men better", helps keep us "on the level" and truly instills the cement of "Brotherly Love"!

*Bro.: Harry Sanders*

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**Secretary's Desk**

*W.: Bro.: Lee Miller, Secretary*

Brethren,

If you've looked recently, you'll see that our website – which was designed and maintained by our own WB Christopher Scott – hasn't been updated in several months. As your new webmaster-by-default, I'm wholly responsible for the content of our site which is essential in keeping our members informed AND for attracting potential candidates.

I've had discussions with several Brothers about making sweeping changes to our website as far back as January 2017 and had great input then. Since then, we've explored updating the existing dark theme, looked at new icons, and agonized over changing our webhosting service. And yet, I still haven't made any changes.

I received an email a few weeks ago from one of our Brothers who works for a local webhosting company owned by another Brother. Now I know it's time for us to make a change – first in our webhosting service, and then in our website design. We must make a change, and soon. I'm putting out a call to any and all Brothers for help.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*W.: Bro.: Lee Miller, PM - Secretary*

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**From the South**

*Bro.: John Davis,  
Jr.: Warden*

Hello my Brothers, from the South!

Brothers, Spring is the air! There are many events coming up soon, including the Spring Scottish Rite Reunion. If you want to attend and become a Scottish Rite Knight, please let one of us know soon!

We at Albert Pike are looking forward to some Brothers getting more light in future. For Brothers wanting to start your journey into the line, inform one of the officers of your passions to help the line grow strong. We are here to help you.

We are looking for your help with fund raising projects, membership help, projects and practices. Now it is up to you. Is there time to help your Lodges and yourself to become better men and Masons? You are our future!

*Bro.: John Davis*

Junior Warden

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**Wednesday Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

2030<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
 Open on the Lowest Degree Present  
 Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**EA proficiency and presentation**

**Wednesday Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

2031<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication  
 Open on the Lowest Degree Present  
 Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Lecture by WB Ricky Haskell on Psalm  
 133, and EA proficiency**

**Wednesday Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

2032<sup>nd</sup> Stated Communication  
 Open on the Lowest Degree Present  
 Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**TBA**

**Wednesday Apr 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

2033<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication  
 Open on the Lowest Degree Present  
 Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**TBA**



**Memorial Roll**

**We are pleased to report  
 that no Brothers have  
 passed to the Celestial  
 Lodge above**

*"Gone, but not forgotten"*



**Directors of the Work**

Harry Sanders - MM Degree  
 John Davis – FC Degree  
 Kyle Ennenga – EA Degree

**Posting Mentors**

<b>Entered Apprentice Degree</b>	Kyle Ennenga
<b>Fellow Craft Degree</b>	Lee Miller
<b>Master Mason Degree</b>	Bill Busby



**Fee for Degrees**

EA: \$150 FC: \$50 MM: \$50 = \$250.00

<b>2018 Yearly Dues</b>	
Albert Pike:	\$100.00
2017 Per Capita Dues:	\$67.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>



**Social Media & Internet**

Scan or Click!



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**Webmaster**

W. Bro. Lee Miller, PM

**Social Media Coordinators**

W. Bro. Lee Miller, PM  
Bro. Anthony Florez

## Past Masters 117

Emerson R. Bails	1959	Christopher Wm. Scott	2011
Herbert E. Akins *	1979	Daniel R. McCune	2012
Robert R Swope *	1984	Jeremiah "Jay" Allen	2013
Samuel L. Wittner	1986	Richard M. Murray	2014
Robert R Swope *	1987	Dean McConnell	2015
James W. Oliver	1988	Bill Busby	2016
James W. Oliver	1989	Lee Miller	2017
David R. McDaniel	1990		
David R. McDaniel	1991		
Robert R. Swope *	1994		
Stephen T. Parce	1996		
Curtis L. Sorensen	1997		
Douglas K. Parce	1998		
James M. Desmond	2000		
John A. Myers	2001		
Stephen T. Parce	2002		
James W. Oliver	2003		
Robert R. Swope *	2004		
Edward F Charter	2005		
David Parce	2006		
Keene Daiss*	2007		
James Oliver	2008		
Herbert Akins *	2009		
Robert R. Swope *	2010		

(\* Deceased)

## Active Past Masters 187

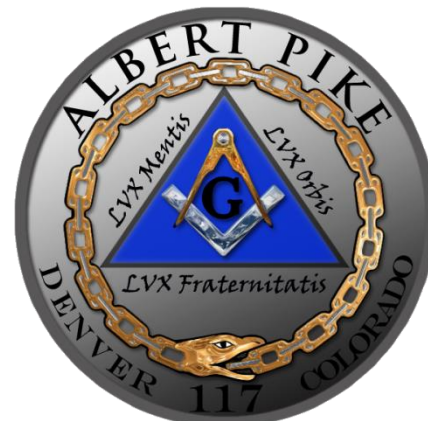
Richard L. Charmichel	1977	Kurt P. Larson	1982
Karl F. Biemel Jr.	1984	Herbert A. Krug	1993
Herbert A. Krug	1985	Kurt P. Larson	1994

## Past Grand Masters

Glenn B. Van Fleet, P.G.M. (1958)  
R. Keith Milheim, P.G.M.

## Secretary Emeritus

Christopher Wm. Scott, PM (2012 – 2017)  
Samuel Wittner, PM, KCCH (1987 – 2011)





# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April  
SUNday 1  
6:30 AM

**DENVER SCOTTISH RITE CONSISTORY**  
1370 GRANT STREET, DENVER, COLORADO

*93rd Consecutive Easter Sunrise Service*

**Reverend Michael Dent**  
Lead Pastor

**Reverend Jim Harris**  
Assistant Pastor

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